GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:319
ANSWERED ON:20.03.2007
PIRATED NCERT BOOKS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been an increase in the number of pirated books in the country;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the administrative and remedial measures being taken thereon;

(d) whether pirated books of National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) and Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) have been seized in the country, particularly in Delhi;

(e) if so, the details thereof alongwith the number of people arrested in this regard;

(f) whether pirated books of NCERT and CBSE are in circulation in the market in other States; and

(g) if so, the action taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH)

(a) to (g) A statement is laid on the table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (g) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION No. 319 FOR ANSWER ON 20-3-2007 ASKED BY HON'BLE MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR AND SHRI RASHEED MASOOD ON PIRATED NCERT BOOKS

(a) to (c): While no information is maintained in the Ministry about the pirated books, the police departments in states conduct anti-piracy raids and seizure operations from time to time. The Central Government has set up a Copyright Enforcement Advisory Council (CEAC) to periodically review and advise the Enforcement Agencies on the enforcement of the provisions of the Copyright Act.

(d): Yes, Sir.

(e): The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has requested the Delhi Police to take action on piracy of three titles. The printer and bookseller from where one of the pirated titles was seized were arrested by the police. Pirated copies of some National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) text books have also been seized from Delhi. The NCERT has filed a complaint with the police authorities.

(f): Except for the piracy cases mentioned above, no other cases have been reported.

(g): Does not arise.